

### *President's Message*

In the last VOTER, I lauded the 2020-2021 board for continuing to make LWVHC an important part of the community in spite of the pandemic. Now, with the surge of the Delta variant, the 2021-2022 board will continue working toward fulfilling our mission with the use of on-line media. We held the board's annual retreat on August 7 via ZOOM. At the retreat we approved our calendar and made the first Tuesday of the month our regular board meeting day. In addition to confirming the positions board members would fill, we voted to liaison with Vote Humboldt - Humboldt Youth Voter Registration Project. **Maggie Augustine**, Voter Services Director, will be our representative.

We also authorized Treasurer **Nancy Kay** to pay for a quarter page article that would inform the public about the League's activities during the pandemic. **Deborah Downs** did a great job responding to the *Times-Standard's* Non-profit Day special that requested organizations share their activities and changes due to the pandemic. I hope you saw our article and, thanks to Nancy Kay, the colorful ad on the same page that was an invitation to the public to join LWVHC.

Although we agreed regular membership meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, we also agreed that September, when our Fall Membership Meeting Brunch has traditionally met, needed to be different this year. With the surge in Covid cases in our county, we cannot meet in person, much to our regret. Instead, we will meet via ZOOM on September 7 at 7:00 p.m. immediately after our board meeting. Your invitation will arrive on September 5 or 6. Since our meeting will take

place during dinner time, perhaps you would like to purchase your dinner from a local business and enjoy it during the meeting, a perk for meeting on-line.

We have an interesting program for the evening:

Meet the Board	<b>Sharolyn Hutton</b>
Dignity Principles	<b>Anne Hartline</b>
Communications	<b>Deborah Downs</b>
Mental Health Study	<b>Molly Cate</b>

Remember to vote September 14  
on the Recall Election!

*Sharolyn L. Hutton*  
*Co-President, LWVHC*

***Save the Date!***

***Membership Meeting***

***Tuesday***

***September 7***

***at 7:00 p.m.***

### ***Our Mission Statement...***

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## *Vote Humboldt - Humboldt Youth Voter Registration Project*

At the August LVWHC board meeting, approval was given for our organization to partner with the above entity.

**VOTE HUMBOLDT - HUMBOLDT YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT** is affiliated with the Coalition for Nonpartisan Voter Registration (CNVR) initiated by recently deceased California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso (retired). CNVR is under California High School Voter Registration, which is a state elections program -- <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs>).

The objectives of Vote Humboldt are to promote civic engagement and increase voter registration among high school students. This project wants the students to teach their peers about voter registration. This project is like minded with the LWVHC because of its emphasis on non-partisan voter registration.

The committee consists of four members who are currently formulating its basic plan. A goal is to reach **every** high school in Humboldt County. Its teaching format will be based on that of the Right Question Institute -- a Catalyst for Micro-democracy, which is an organization with teaching tools. Vote Humboldt website is under development and will be shared with LWVHC.

To implement its project, Vote Humboldt will need many volunteers such as members of LWVHC. Members of Vote Humboldt highly respect the LWVHC for its active participation in non-partisan voter education and civic engagement. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Margaret Augustine at [mag3022@gmail.com](mailto:mag3022@gmail.com).

For more information regarding Vote Humboldt - Humboldt Youth Voter Registration Project, please see the addendum following the links.

Additionally, below are pertinent links that may be of interest:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs>

<https://rightquestion.org/>

<https://www.justice.gov/crt/national-voter-registration-act-1993-nvra>



HUMBOLDT YOUTH VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

[info@votehumboldt.org](mailto:info@votehumboldt.org)

**Community Leaders Working Together to Register Young Voters. A Nonpartisan Voter Registration Project**

### **Youth Voter Registration in California**

Community leaders are working together to promote civic engagement and increase voter registration among young people. California citizens aged 16 and 17 can preregister to vote. If preregistered, they become registered voters on their 18th birthday.

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## *Vote Humboldt (continued)*

### **What is the Youth Voter Registration Project?**

The project mobilizes youth and young adults, including high school students, to help preregister/register their peers. Our adult volunteers work with young people to register them to vote and promote civic engagement. We also train them to preregister or register their friends and classmates. We work in partnership with local high schools/school districts and civic groups. Our goal is to reach all interested and eligible youth/young adults in Humboldt County. Additional information is available on the California Secretary of State website, <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/high-school-programs/>

### **How does the Project Work?**

Humboldt volunteers contact local public and private high school administration/staff to set-up a meeting to explain the project. Our approach is flexible. Each school can establish a voter registration drive to fit their school structure. For example, registration can be conducted as part of a student government or civics class or as a stand-alone student community service project.

We help youth volunteers learn how the registration process works and how to facilitate voting discussion groups. We also provide voter education materials. Student volunteers receive support in the form of coaching and feedback. We help ensure that registrations are complete prior to submission. Our project engages in a similar process when partnering with local civic and community groups.

**Youth Voter Projects are Taking Place in Other California Counties** This project is affiliated with the Coalition for Nonpartisan Voter Registration initiated by recently deceased California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso (retired). Registration drives have taken place in Sacramento, Sonoma, Tulare and Yolo and other counties. For example, in Sacramento County, the Coalition for Nonpartisan Voter Registration received school board approval to register over 5,100 high schoolers in the Elk Grove Unified School District and over 2,200 high school students in the Sacramento Unified School District. The Yolo County Board of Education scheduled all county high schools for nonpartisan voter registration and provided voter education in senior classes. This resulted in an impressive 95% of the 2,100 high school seniors in Yolo County becoming registered voters.

### **For Information About the Humboldt County Project, Please Contact:**

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*Maggie Augustine*

*Voter Service Director, LWVHC*

## *Welcome New and Returning Members*

*Welcome Karen Diemer*

*and Lucky Ferguson*

*Welcome back to the USA, Sara Humbert-Reid and Jesse Reid*



***2021-2022 LWCHC Calendar***

<p>SEPTEMBER, 2021</p> <p>Board Meeting, 9/7 6p.m. followed by Fall Membership Meeting at 7p.m.</p>	<p>OCTOBER, 2021</p> <p>Board Meeting, 10/5 6 p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 10/21 7 p.m.</p>
<p>NOVEMBER, 2021</p> <p>Board Meeting, 11/2 6 p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 11/18 7 p.m.</p>	<p>DECEMBER, 2021</p> <p>Board Meeting, 12/7 6p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 12/16 TBD</p>
<p>JANUARY, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 1/4 6 p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 1/20 7 p.m.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 2/1 6 p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 2/17 7 p.m.</p>
<p>MARCH, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 3/1 6 p.m.</p> <p>Membership Meeting, 3/17 7 p.m.</p>	<p>APRIL, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 4/5 6 p.m.</p> <p>State of the Community Luncheon, 4/22</p>
<p>MAY, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 5/3 6 p.m.</p> <p>Annual Meeting, 5/19</p>	<p>JUNE, 2022</p> <p>Board Meeting, 6/7 6 p.m.</p>



## ***Board Member Sharrone Blanck***



My name is **Sharrone Blanck**, and I have lived in Humboldt County for six years. My husband, two sons, and I moved here after living in Reno for seventeen years.

I worked in early intervention for fifteen years supporting children age birth to three with special needs and their families. July 2021, I started a new position with Humboldt County Office of Education as the first Equity and Inclusion Learning Specialist. I have been the President of the Eureka NAACP since 2018. I completed the TK-12 Humboldt Del Norte Equity Partnership Training in 2018. I co-facilitate an eight-hour session for educators on implicit bias and the four dimensions of racism. I serve as a founding member of B-Black/Building Black Community. I am a community support for the All-Humboldt Black Student Union. I created a format for Listening Sessions that centers the experiences of BIPOC students and families and allows high school administrators and teachers to listen and express gratitude. The sessions are the foundation for local high schools' equity work.

## ***Election Service Project***

An article in the July/August VOTER informed readers about the, Special Election to fill the position of a Member-at-Large who resigned from the Tribal Council.

The work party for the second mailing for the Special Election of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria was again a masked event, to prepare the mailing to be sent on August 3, 2021.

Many thanks to my wonderful volunteers who stamped and stuffed envelopes: **Kathy Sattler, Janine Randall, Charmin Bailey, Carol Masterson, Judy Stoffer, Patricia-Anne WinterSun, and Peg Gardner**. And a big thank you to **Brittany Gonzalez**, Tribal Administrative Assistant, and to **Charmin Bailey, Ally Kennedy, and Luckky Ferguson**, the members of the Bear River Election Committee, who worked with me on August 3 to put all the prepared packets through the postage machine, and to check off every name on the voter lists. I appreciate everyone's help to get this mailing prepared and posted in

a timely manner as specified in the Bear River Constitution.

On August 21, 2021, the volunteers, who, with me, make up the actual Election Board, will meet with me at the Bear River Tish Non Community Center to check for valid signatures on all ballot envelopes, open the envelopes of all valid ballots, count the votes, and report the results in a notice posted at the Center. Working with me will be **Judy Stoffer, Carol Masterson** and **Janine Randall** with **Peg Gardner** standing by in case we need her! Thank you all!

My great thanks to all of you who have helped with this League project. It is an important service that we provide, and it also helps our budget!

**Byrd Lochtie**  
**Community Elections**



**Director, LWVHC**

## *Board Member Dr. Amy Moffat*

**Dr. Amy Moffat** moved to Humboldt County in the fall of 2019 and was looking for a way to connect with the community. She immediately got roped into participating on the committee to educate community members impartially about the pros/cons of the California ballot measures (Thank you **Nancy Kay!**).

Amy has a PhD in the social sciences from the University of California, Merced, a masters degree in applied anthropology from the University of Maryland, and a bachelor's degree in economics and management from Beloit College, Wisconsin. Her research was on doulas as entrepreneurs, women's work, gendered notions of caregiving, and how emotional support during birth statistically reduces the c-section rate. She currently works as an administrator at HSU and is the Associate Director of Institutional Assessment.

Amy lives in Arcata with her husband, Greg Cornelison, a high school teacher at Arcata HS, and two cats; her son, Brendan Chambers, is a junior at Beloit College (third generation of going to the same college).



## *Another Great Talk with Senator McGuire*

On July 29, **Sharolyn Hutton** and I joined representatives from the Mendocino County League to once again converse with State Senator Mike McGuire.

As always, it was a productive and enlightening conversation. Senator McGuire chiefly spoke about drought relief and fire prevention efforts, along with school funding.

The state budget was approved with large increases in school funding: \$21,000 per K-12 student (a 3x increase), \$340 million for Humboldt State University to become the state's third polytechnic university, \$3 million for HSU's nursing program, and increases in special education funding and career training funding. It's the largest education budget passed in fifty years, and Senator McGuire was glad that it had passed.

In regard to drought relief, the state has a \$4 billion relief plan rolling out shortly. It will focus on agriculture, recycled water, and repairing existing infrastructure.

For fire prevention, the state has acquired 1,200 new seasonal firefighters, along with allocated \$380 million for wildfire prevention projects, in addition to purchasing numerous Blackhawk helicopters to station throughout the state for fire response.

Senator McGuire also spoke about the push to get broadband to the most underserved households in the state, many of which are located in the North Coast. A portion of the federal stimulus will be invested in high-speed internet, which will be routed alongside highways and existing encroachments.

He also reported that SB-2, SB-300, and SB-262 are steadily moving through the state government.

As always, we enjoyed the informative discussion with Senator McGuire and appreciate his enthusiasm for speaking with the League of Women Voters.

*Jessica Schlachter*  
*Social Media/Traditional Media Chair, LWVHC*

**League of Women Voters of Humboldt County****Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2021**

	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Checking - Umpqua Bank	7,602.91
HAF - Restricted Education Fund	56,695.08
Savings - Umpqua Bank	<u>16,956.29</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>81,254.28</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>81,254.28</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>81,254.28</b></u>
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<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Pre-paid Dues	8,615.00
Prepaid SOCL tickets	<u>350.00</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>8,965.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>8,965.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	8,965.00
<b>Equity</b>	<u>72,289.28</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>81,254.28</b></u>
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**League of Women Voters, Humboldt County**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual**  
**July 2020—June 2021**

	<u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Community Elections Service Inc	225.00	750.00
Contributions	5,271.15	800.00
Event Revenues - Membership		
Total Event Revenues - Membership	0.00	1,225.00
HAF Monies for Education	14,247.50	5,050.00
Interest/Dividends - General	153.47	
Marathon	0.00	500.00
Member Dues	11,785.00	13,830.00
Special Project Income	140.00	
State of the Community Revenue	0.00	24,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>31,822.12</u>	<u>46,155.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	31,822.12	46,155.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Action & Advocacy	3,000.00	2,500.00
Administrative Postage/PO Box	352.89	400.00
Annual Meeting Kits and Postage	569.38	575.00
Board Retreat	0.00	300.00
Community Education		
Citizen's Guide/Facts for Voter	10.80	1,600.00
Easy Voter Guide	677.04	250.00
Events/Meetings	0.00	150.00
Social Media/Internet	7,000.00	1,500.00
Voters' Edge	500.00	500.00
Total Community Education	8,187.84	4,000.00
Community Election Service Exp	-372.00	300.00
Conventions and Workshops	502.64	3,500.00
Dues Assistance	60.00	0.00
Dues for Local Associations	75.00	225.00
Event Expenses - Membership	0.00	2,000.00
Fees PayPal and Other	58.21	175.00
General Membership Meeting Cost	0.00	500.00



**League of Women Voters, Humboldt County  
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual  
July 2020—June 2021 (continued)**

	<u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Insurance	938.70	1,000.00
Membership Development	632.18	700.00
Office Supplies/Name Badges	25.00	100.00
Officer's Expenses	75.00	150.00
PMP	11,590.00	11,280.00
Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00
Special Projects Expense	2,201.87	2,000.00
State of the Community Expenses	110.00	12,700.00
Telecommunications	60.00	80.00
VOTER expenses	1,175.88	900.00
Voter Service	0.00	3,000.00
Webmaster	50.00	0.00
Website/Tech Communications	401.61	350.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>35,094.20</u>	<u>52,135.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-3,272.08	-5,980.00
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Other Income</b>		
HAF Contributions	765.00	
HAF Gains/Losses	769.08	
HAF Interest and Dividends	621.87	
HAF Unrealized Gains/Losses	14,416.43	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>16,572.38</u>	
<b>Other Expense</b>		
HAF Fees	987.16	
HAF Funds Spent on Education	14,247.50	
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>15,234.66</u>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>1,337.72</u>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>-1,934.36</b></u>	<u><b>-5,980.00</b></u>

### *Reminders*

In case you volunteered to help the LWVHC with the Avenue of the Giants Marathon on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, it will still be held.

However, if you volunteered to help the LWVHC at the North Country Fair, it has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 resurgence.

Don't forget to vote in the recall election!

And don't forget to celebrate! **Nancy Kay, Kay Escarda, and Judy Stoffer** worked for two years on an event to celebrate women's right to vote. The celebration was cancelled twice due to COVID-19, but we can celebrate not only women's right to vote but also all our wonderful LWVHC members.



**Leslie Leach, VOTER Co-editor**

### ***Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!***

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit [www.LWVHC.org](http://www.LWVHC.org) or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$115 Family Membership  
(2 in same household)

\_\_\_\_\_ I also want to gift a membership!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_



### ***The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County***

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#### **Who's Who in Your 2021-2022 League Board**

- Co-Presidents.....Sharolyn Hutton/  
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- Treasurer.....Nancy Kay
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- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Directors.....Molly Cate/  
Amy Moffat/Sylvia Shaw
- Government Directors.....Sharrone Blanck/  
Karen Price
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Director.....Carol Masterson
- Voter Service Director.....Maggie Augustine
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Co-Editors....Dave Rosso/Leslie Leach
- Community Education Directors.....Nancy Kay/  
Amy Moffat
- Communications Director.....Deborah Downs
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Director.....Eddie Morgan





P.O. Box 3219  
Eureka, CA 95502

To:

## ***Get Involved!***

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We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.  
Visit [www.lwvhc.org](http://www.lwvhc.org) or call (707) 444-9252.

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## ***Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy***

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic\ that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity

## ***LWVHC Calendar***

Tuesday, September 7	Board Meeting 6 p.m. Membership Meeting 7 p.m.
Sunday, September 19	Avenue of the Giants Marathon
LWVHC Webpage	Any Time!
LWCHC Twitter	Any Time!
LWCHC Instagram	Any Time!